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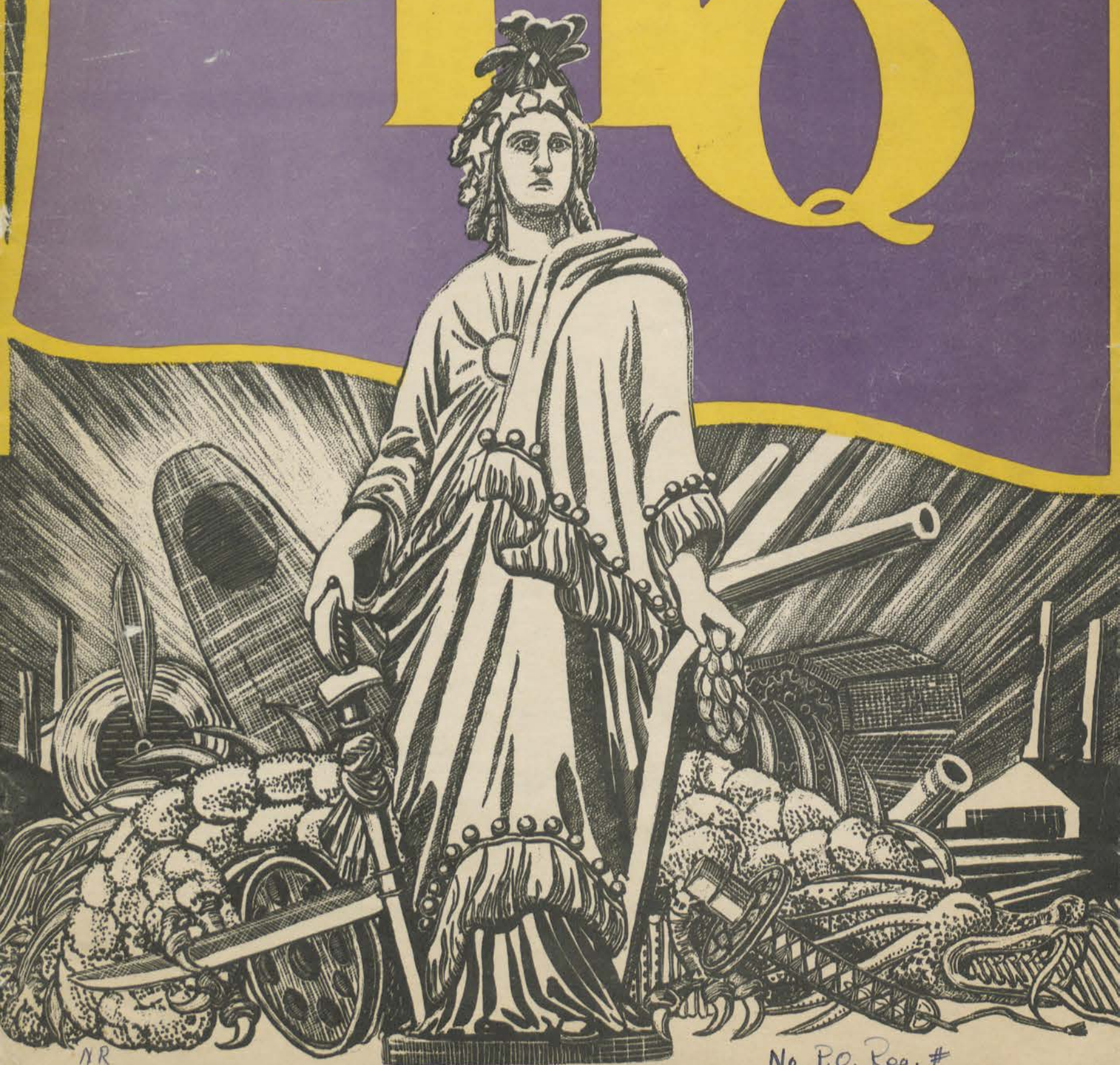
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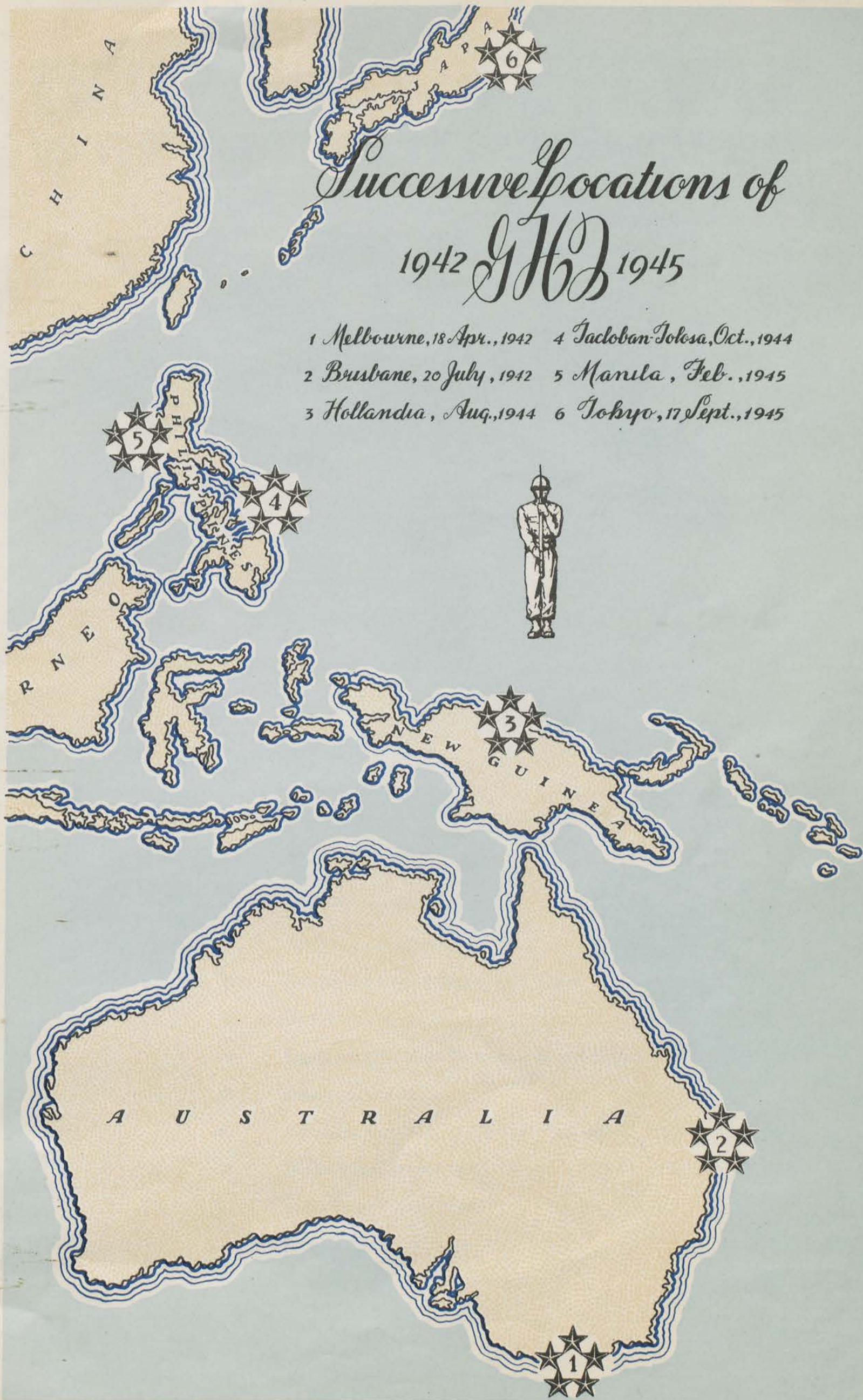
*The victories achieved by invincible courage and gallantry in long and arduous fighting on the beaches and in the jungles, in the air and on the waters of the vast Pacific, are herein recorded in enduring tribute to the valor and perseverance of all ranks in the accomplishment of the liberation of the oppressed and the downfall of the aggressor.*

*Douglas MacArthur.*



# Successive Locations of 1942 *GHQ* 1945

- 1 Melbourne, 18 Apr., 1942    4 Tacloban Tolesá, Oct., 1944  
2 Brisbane, 20 July, 1942    5 Manila, Feb., 1945  
3 Hollandia, Aug., 1944    6 Tokyo, 17 Sept., 1945





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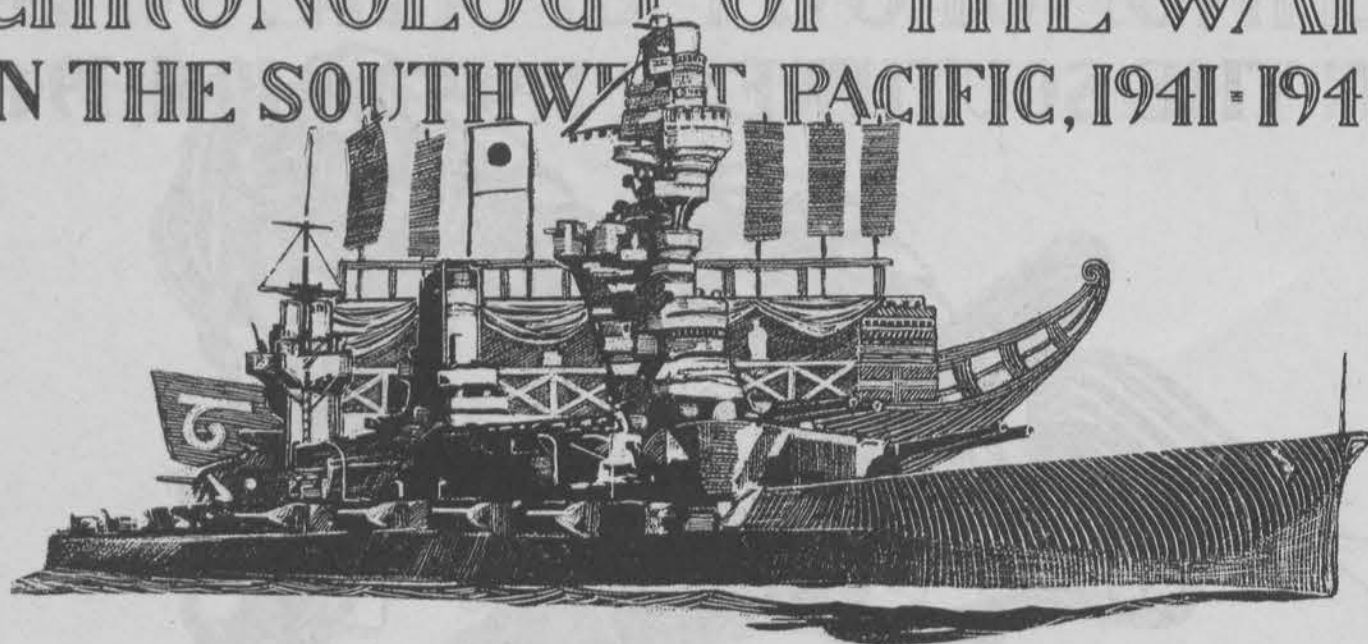
## ENEMY OFFENSIVE

1941

### DEC.

- 7 Japanese carrier force struck Pearl Harbor
- 8 Thailand surrendered
- 8 Japanese bombed Clark Field, Luzon
- 9 Malaya invaded
- 10 Japanese landed at Vigan and Aparri, Luzon
- 10 Guam captured
- 20 Japanese landings at Davao, Mindanao
- 23 Wake Island surrendered
- 25 Hong Kong surrendered
- 26 Manila declared open city
- 27 Manila bombed by Japanese

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1942

## JAN.

- 2 Manila occupied
- 22-24 Battle of Makassar Straits
- 23 Japanese took Rabaul
- 24 Balikpapan (Borneo) occupied

## FEB.

- 10 Gasmata (New Britain) occupied
- 15 Singapore surrendered
- 19 Heavy Japanese air raid at Darwin
- 20 Timor invaded
- 28 Battle of Java Sea

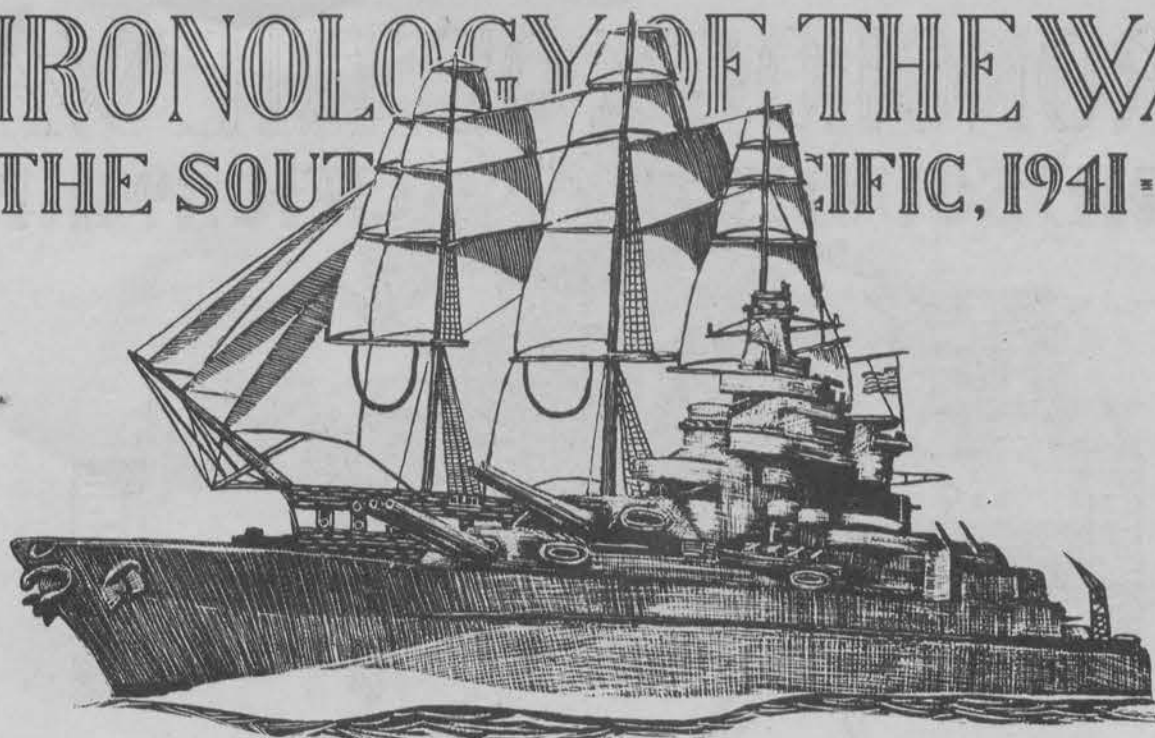
## MAR.

- 1 Japanese invaded Java
- 2 Refugees from Java caught by Japanese air raid on Broome
- 8 Lae-Salamaua captured
- 8 British evacuated Rangoon

## APRIL

- 7 Buin (Southern Bougainville) seized
- 9 American surrender of Bataan
- 16 Japanese landed at Capiz and Iloilo, (Panay)

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## MAY

- 2 Tulagi occupied
- 6 Japanese occupied Hollandia
- 6 Surrender of Corregidor
- 7-8 Battle of Coral Sea
- 9 Surrender of United States Army Forces in the Far East (USAFPE) Visayas and Mindanao

## JUNE

- 3-6 Battle of Midway

## JULY

- 21/22 Japanese landed Buna-Gona area
- 31 Kai, Aroe, Tanimbar Islands seized

## AUG.

- 25/26 Japanese landed Milne Bay

## DEC.

- 18-19 Madang and Wewak occupied

1943

## JAN.

- 30 Japanese repulsed at Wau



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## GENERAL CHRONOLOGY

1941

DEC.

- 12 Task Force-South Pacific constituted at sea
- 22-23 First United States Expeditionary Forces landed  
Brisbane, Australia. Task Force-South Pacific  
became United States Forces in Australia (USFIA)  
upon debarkation ✓

1942

JAN.

- 5 USFIA became United States Army Forces in  
Australia (USAFIA) ✓

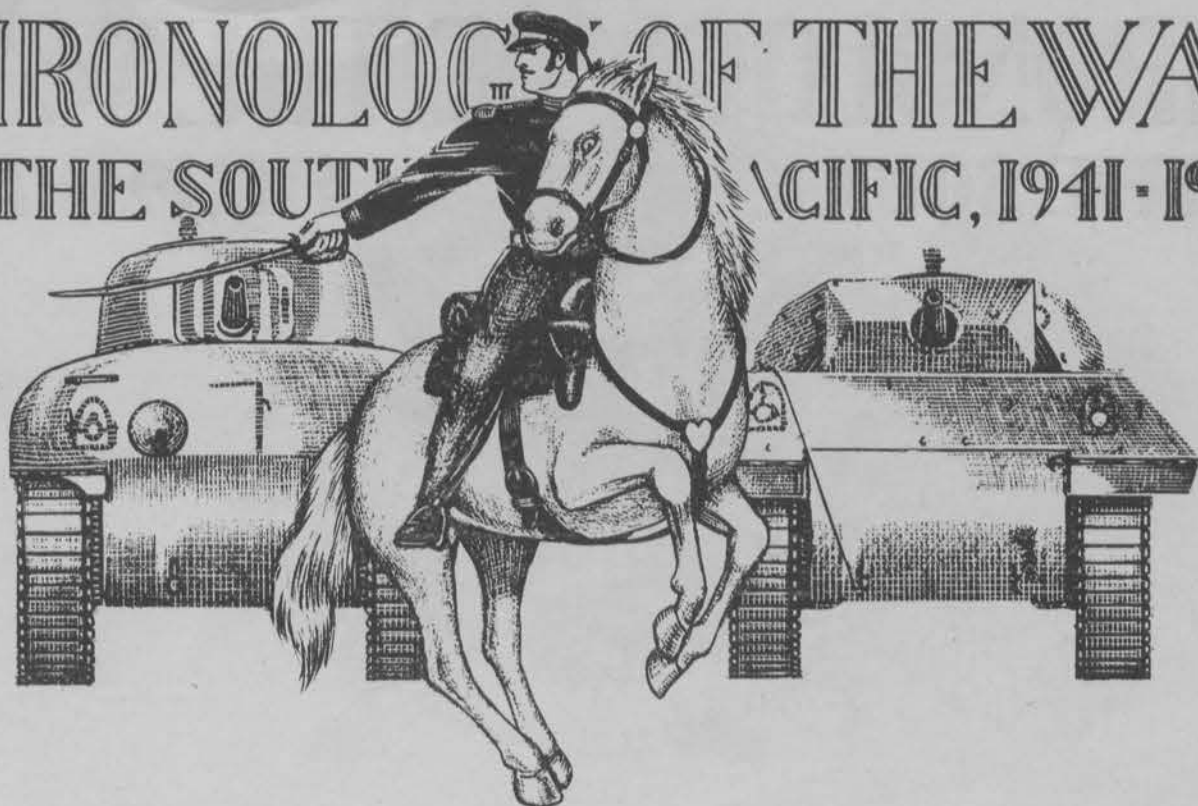
MAR.

- 17 General MacArthur arrived at Darwin, Australia

APRIL

- 18 Initial date General Headquarters Southwest Pacific  
Area (GHQ SWPA) ✓

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## MAY

- 7-8 Battle of the Coral Sea. Japanese attempt to capture Port Moresby repulsed
- 31 (31/1 June) Midget submarines attacked Sydney Harbor

## JULY

- 20 GHQ closed at Melbourne, opened at Brisbane ✓
- 20 United States Army Services of Supply (USASOS) created to assume functions of discontinued USAFIA ✓
- 21/22 Japs landed at Gona
- 23 through 23 Jan. 1943. Papuan Campaign. Forces engaged Kokoda Trail: 7th Austn Div (-18th Bde), 16th and 30th Austn Bdes. Forces engaged Milne Bay: 7th and 18th Austn Bdes. Forces engaged Buna-Gona area: Austn—7th Div, 16th Bde, 30th Bde, 14th Bde. US—I Corps, 32nd Inf Div, 163rd Inf (41st Inf Div)
- 26-29 Japanese captured Kokoda airdrome

## AUG.

- 7 US Marines landed Guadalcanal—Tulagi area



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## AUG.

- 7 through 21 Feb. 1943. Guadalcanal Campaign.  
Forces engaged: 1st Mar Div, elements 2nd Mar  
Div, Americal Div, 25th Inf Div
- 8/9 Naval Battle of Savo Island
- 23-25 Naval Battle of Eastern Solomons
- 26 through 7 Sept. Japanese are repulsed at Milne  
Bay by 7th and 18th Austn Bdes

## SEPT.

- 3 Fifth Air Force established ✓
- 17 Japanese drive over Owen Stanleys halted at Imita  
Range, 20 airline miles from Port Moresby
- 26 25th Austn Bde (7th Div) began offensive to drive  
Japanese back across Owen Stanleys

## OCT.

- 11 Naval Battle of Cape Esperance
- 14 First elements 32nd Inf Div move by air to north  
coast New Guinea, landing at Wanigela
- 22-26 Landing and operations Goodenough Island (one  
Austn Bn)
- 26-27 Naval Battle of Santa Cruz

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## NOV.

- 2 Kokoda airdrome occupied by 25th Austn Bde (7th Div)
- 12-15 Naval Battle of Guadalcanal
- 30 Naval Battle of Tassafaronga

## DEC.

- 9 Gona captured by 21st Austn Bde (7th Div)
- 14 Buna Village captured by 127th Inf (32nd Inf Div)

## 1943

## JAN.

- 2 Buna Government Station captured by 127th Inf
- 18 Sanananda captured by 18th Austn Bde (7th Div)
- 22 Last organized Japanese resistance Buna-Gona area ended
- 24 through 31 Dec. 1944. New Guinea Campaign
- 30 Japanese repulsed at Wau by 17th Austn Bde



# CHRONOLOGY OF THE WAR IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, 1941-1945



## FEB.

- 16 Sixth Army established in SWPA ✓
- 21 Russell Islands landing (elements 43rd Inf Div)
- 22 through 21 Nov. 1944. Northern Solomons Campaign
- 26 USAFFE reconstituted ✓

## MAR.

- 2-4 Bismarck Sea Battle (destruction of Lae convoy by Fifth Air Force and RAAF)
- 15 Southwest Pacific Force redesignated Seventh Fleet ✓

## MAY

- 11 Attu invaded by 7th Inf Div

## JUNE —

- 22 through 5 Aug. Woodlark and Kiriwina Islands occupied
- 22/23 Advance echelon landed Woodlark
- 23/24 Advance echelon landed Kiriwina
- 30 Main landings. Forces involved 112th Cav RCT (Woodlark) and 158th RCT (Kiriwina). This was 1st operation directed by Sixth Army, operating as Alamo Force. ✓

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29/30 Nassau Bay landing (Mackechnie Force, composed of elements 162nd Inf, 41st Inf Div)

30 New Georgia Group landings

## JULY

5/6 Kula Gulf Naval Battle

13 Naval engagement off Vella Lavella

14 Mubo captured by 17th Austn Bde operating under command 3rd Austn Div

## AUG.

5 Munda airdrome, New Georgia, captured (43rd, 37th, and 25th Inf Divs engaged)

6/7 Naval engagement off Vella Lavella

15 Vella Lavella landing. Forces engaged Vella Lavella operation were 35th RCT of 25th Inf Div and elements 3rd New Zealand Div

17-18 Heavy Fifth Air Force raids on Wewak. More than 200 Jap aircraft destroyed

21 Kiska occupied by US and Canadian forces

## SEPT.

4 Amphibious landing Lae area (9th Austn Div)



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## SEPT.

- 5 Nadzab parachute landing (503rd Prcht Inf Regt)
- 6 Transport aircraft began to fly elements 7th Austn Div to Nadzab ✓
- 11 Salamaua captured. Forces engaged in Salamaua operations: 17th and 15th Austn Bdes, 162nd Inf (41st Inf Div). Operations under 3rd Austn Div to 26 Aug., thereafter under 5th Austn Div.
- 16 Lae captured by 25th Austn Bde (7th Div)
- 20 Kaiapit captured by elements 7th Austn Div
- 22 Finschhafen landing (20th Austn Bde, later reinforced by remainder of 9th Div)

## OCT.

- 2 Finschhafen captured by 20th Austn Bde
- 5 Dumpu occupied by 21st Austn Bde (7th Div)
- 6/7 Naval battle off Vella Lavella
- 12 Over 300 SWPA aircraft struck Rabaul
- 15 All enemy resistance in New Georgia Group having ceased, Com 3rd Flt terminated the operation

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- 27 Treasury Island landing (elements 3rd New Zealand Div)
- 28 Amphibious landing Choiseul Island (2nd Mar Prcht Bn)

## NOV.

- 1 Bougainville landing. Empress Augusta Bay. 3rd Mar Div landed initially, 37th Inf Div commenced landing 7 days later. Operations to 15 Dec. under 1st Mar Phib Corps, thereafter under XIV Corps. Americal Div relieved 3rd Mar Div beginning 27 Dec.
- 1/2 Naval Battle of Empress Augusta Bay
- 2 Heavy SWPA air strike on Rabaul
- 3/4 Marine parachute bn withdraws from Choiseul
- 5 & 11 3rd Fleet carrier strikes on Japanese naval forces Rabaul
- 20 Gilbert Islands landings by 2nd Mar Div and 165th RCT of 27th Inf Div
- 25 Naval battle off Bougainville
- 25 Satelberg captured by 26th Austn Bde (9th Div)



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## DEC.

- 15 through 27 Nov. 1944. Bismarks Campaign
- 15 Arawe landing (112th Cav RCT). Elements 158th Inf Regt later reinforced 112th RCT. 40th Inf Div relieved 112th RCT early June 1944
- 26 Cape Gloucester landings (1st Mar Div). 40th Inf Div relieved 1st Mar Div Apr/May 1944
- 30 Cape Gloucester air strips captured by 1st Mar Div

## 1944

## JAN.

- 2 Saidor landing (126th RCT initially, later reinforced by remainder of 32nd Inf Div)
- 16 Sio on Huon Peninsula captured by elements 9th Austn Div
- 23 Shaggy Ridge in Finisterre Range North of Dumpu cleared by 18th Austn Bde (7th Div)

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## FEB.

- 1      4th Mar Div landed on Roi and Namur, 7th Inf Div on Kwajalein Island, in Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands
- 10     Junction of elements 32nd Inf Div and 8th Austn Bde (5th Div) at Yagomi, East of Saidor
- 10     Patrols 1st Mar Div and 112th RCT establish contact on New Britain
- 10     CG Sixth Army terminated Dexterity Operation (Western New Britain and Saidor)
- 15     Green Island landing (elements 3rd New Zealand Div)
- 16-17   Naval task force struck Truk
- 17     Eniwetok landing (22nd Mar Regt and 106th Inf of 27th Inf Div)
- 23     Naval task force struck Marianas
- 29     Landing at Los Negros, Admiralty Islands, (2nd Sqn, 5th Cav Regt, reinforced by remainder 1st Cav Div) beginning 2 Mar.

## MAR.

- 5      Landing at Mindiri, West of Saidor, by elements 32nd Inf Div



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## MAR.

- 6 Landing on Willaumez Peninsula vicinity of Talasea by elements 1st Mar Div
- 8-28 Japanese assault on Empress Augusta Bay perimeter repulsed by 37th Inf and Americal Divs
- 9 Talasea captured by elements 1st Mar Div
- 15 Manus Island landing West of Lorengau by 2nd Brig, 1st Cav Div
- 17 Lorengau air strip captured by 2nd Cav Brig
- 18 Lorengau captured by 2nd Cav Brig
- 20 Landing at Emirau by 4th Mar Regt
- 30 through 1 Apr. Naval task force strikes Palau, Yap, Woleai
- 30 through 3 Apr. Hollandia air strips heavily bombed, approximately 288 Japanese aircraft destroyed.

## APRIL

- 13 Bogadjim occupied without opposition by elements: 15th Austn Bde operating under command of 11th Austn Div

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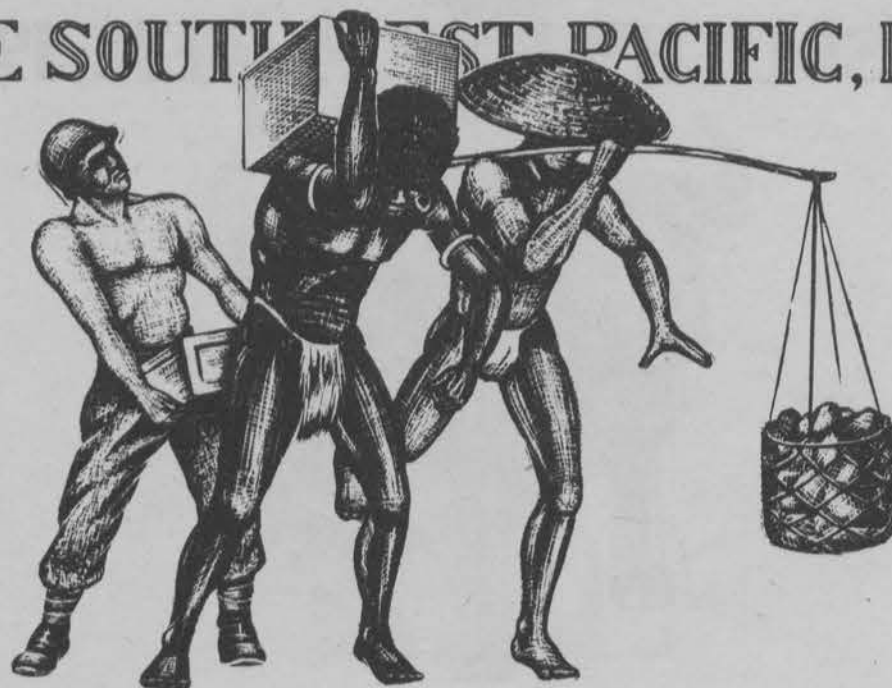
- 22 Hollandia and Aitape landings. I Corps directed operations at Hollandia with 41st Inf Div (163rd RCT) landing Humboldt Bay and 24th Inf Div (-34th RCT) landing at Tanahmerah Bay. 34th RCT was I Corps reserve. 163rd RCT landed at Aitape
- 24 Madang captured by elements 15th Austn Bde (11th Div) and 8th Austn Bde (5th Div)
- 26 Alexishafen occupied by 8th Austn Bde (5th Div)
- 26 Hollandia, Cyclops, and Sentani airdromes captured by elements 24th and 41st Inf Divs
- 30 through 1 May. Naval task force raided Truk

## MAY

- 7 Cape Hoskins airdrome (New Britain) occupied by elements 40th Inf Div
- 17 Landing at Arara on mainland opposite Wakde Island by 163rd RCT (41st Inf Div). Later engaged in operations Wakde-Sarmi area were 158th RCT, 6th Inf Div, 31st Inf Div (-124th RCT), and 123rd RCT (33rd Inf Div)



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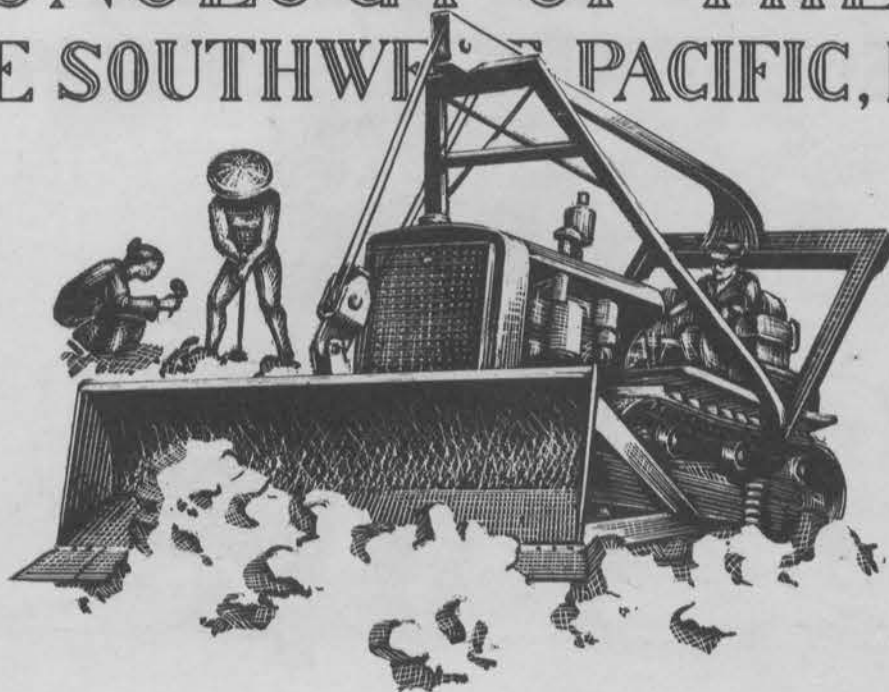
## MAY

- 17 South East Asia Command carrier force and SWPA heavy bomber strike on Sourabaya
- 18 Wakde Island landing (elements 163rd RCT)
- 18 CG Sixth Army terminated Admiralty Islands Campaign
- 19 Wakde airdrome secured by elements 163rd RCT
- 27 Biak Island landing (vicinity of Bosnek) by 41st Inf Div (-163rd RCT). Task force was reinforced in June by 163rd RCT and 34th Inf of 24th Inf Div. I Corps directed operations 15-29 June

## JUNE

- 6 CG Sixth Army terminated Hollandia operation
- 6 Mokmer airdrome, Biak, captured by 41st Inf Div
- 15 XIV Corps (US Army forces Emirau, Green Island, Bougainville, Treasury Island, New Georgia Group) came under direct control SWPA
- 15 Saipan invaded (2nd and 4th Mar Divs, 27th Inf Div)

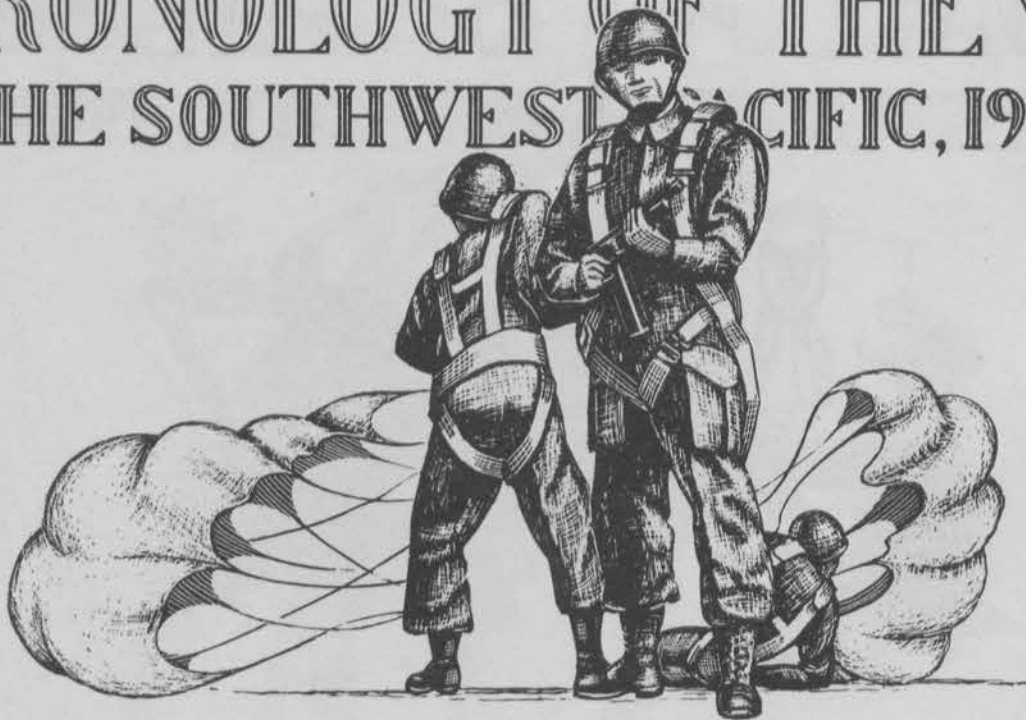
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- 15      Hansa Bay occupied by elements 5th Austn Div
- 15      Far Eastern Air Force established
- 19-20      Naval Battle of Eastern Philippines
- 20      Borokoe and Sorido airdromes captured by 34th  
         Inf (24th Inf Div)
- JULY
- 2      Noemfoor Island landing. 158th RCT initially, re-  
         inforced beginning 3 July by 503rd Prcht Inf RCT
- 10/11      through 8 Aug. Japanese XVIII Army attacked  
         United States Driniumor River line East of Aitape,  
         after initial breakthrough suffered severe defeat.  
         XI Corps directed operations. 127th and 128th Inf  
         Regts (32nd Div), 112th Cav Regt, 124th Inf Regt  
         (31 Div), and elements 169th Inf Regt (43rd Div) were  
         engaged in the battle
- 21      Guam invaded (3rd Mar Div, 1st Mar Prov Brig,  
         77th Inf Div)
- 24      Tinian invaded (2nd and 4th Mar Divs)
- 30      Landings at Cape Opmarai, Amsterdam and Mid-  
         dleburg Islands (6th Inf Div, less 20th RCT which  
         rejoined Div at Sansapor in Aug)



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## JULY

- 31 Shore-to-shore landing, Cape Opmarai to Sansapor, by elements 6th Inf Div

## AUG.

- 6/7 First air attack on Philippines since 1942 (Sassa naval airdrome near Davao)
- 20 CG Sixth Army terminated Biak operation
- 25 CG Sixth Army terminated Aitape operation
- 31 CG Sixth Army terminated Noemfoor operation
- 31 CG Sixth Army terminated Sansapor operation

## SEPT.

- 2 CG Sixth Army terminated Wakde-Sarmi operation
- ✓ 7 Eighth Army established
- 9-14 3rd Fleet struck airdromes and shipping in Mindanao and Visayan area
- 15 Morotai Island landing (31st Inf Div and 126th RCT of 32nd Inf Div under command XI Corps)
- 15 Landing on Peleliu Island (Palau Group) by 1st Mar Div
- 17 Landing on Angaur Island (Palau Group) by 81st Inf Div (-323rd RCT)

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- 21-24      3rd Fleet struck Luzon and Visayas
- 23        Unopposed landings Ulithi Atoll by 323rd RCT of  
            81st Inf Div
- 30        First heavy raid on Balikpapan, Borneo

## OCT.

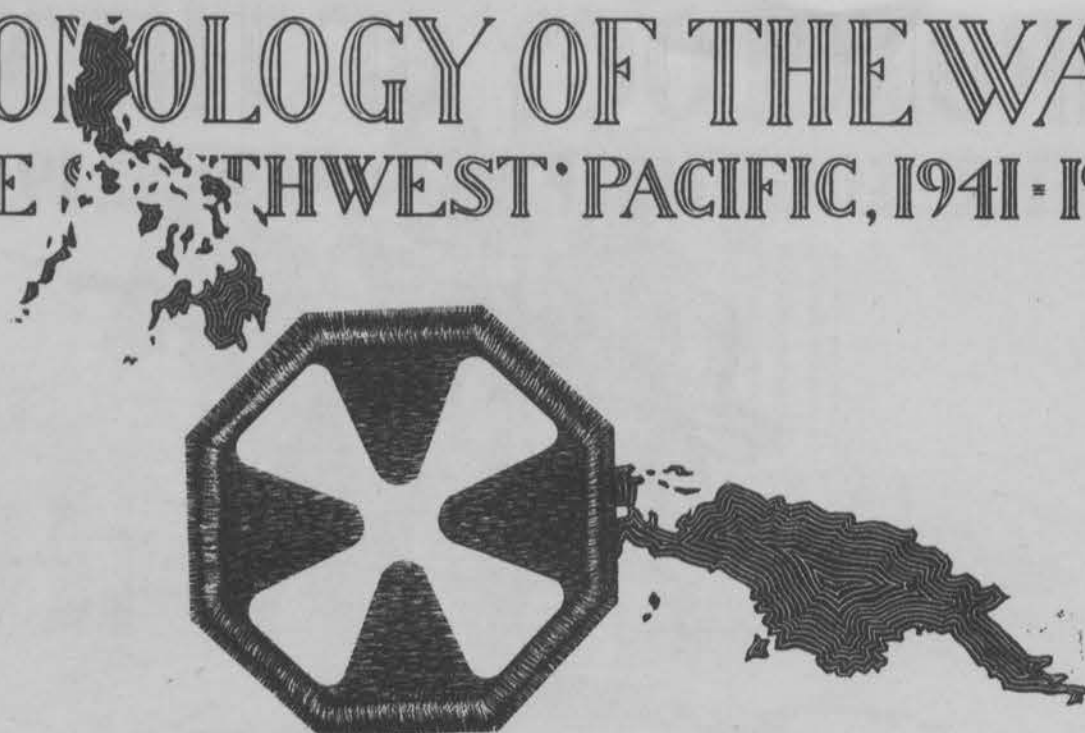
- 4        CG Sixth Army terminated Morotai operation
- 10-21    3rd Fleet struck Nansei Shoto, Formosa, Luzon and  
            the Visayas
- 17-18    6th Ranger Bn landed Dinagat, Suluan, and Ho-  
            monhon Islands in entrance to Leyte Gulf
- 20        Sixth Army invaded Leyte. X Corps (1st Cav Div  
            and 24th Inf Div) landed San Ricardo—Palo area.  
            XXIV Corps (96th and 7th Inf Divs) landed Dulag  
            area
- 20        Tacloban airdrome seized by 1st Cav Div
- 23-26    Naval Battle of Leyte Gulf
- 24        Elements 1st Cav Div landed on Samar

## NOV.

- 2        Carigara captured by 24th Inf and 1st Cav Divs



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## NOV.

- 2 Elements 7th Inf Div reached Baybay on West coast of Leyte
- 15-20 Mapia and Asia Islands cleared of Japs by elements 31st Inf Div (1st Opn directed by Eighth Army)
- 24 Limon captured by 32nd Inf Div
- 24 First B-29 raid on Japan from Saipan
- 26/27 First landing of Jap airborne troops East coast of Leyte (San Pablo-Dulag area)

## DEC.

- 6/7 Second enemy airborne attack on Leyte (Buri, San Pablo, Bayug airdromes) plus diversionary drops in Tacloban-Dulag area
- 7 77th Inf Div landed South of Ormoc in vicinity of Ipil
- 10 Ormoc captured by 77th Inf Div
- 14-16 3rd Fleet strikes on Luzon
- 15 Mindoro landing (503rd Prcht RCT and 19th RCT of 24th Inf Div)
- 22 Highway 2 cleared from Limon to Ormoc as 1st Cav Div and 32nd Inf Div overcame final Japanese resistance in Lonoy-Cananga area
- 25 CG Sixth Army terminated Leyte campaign

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1945

## JAN.

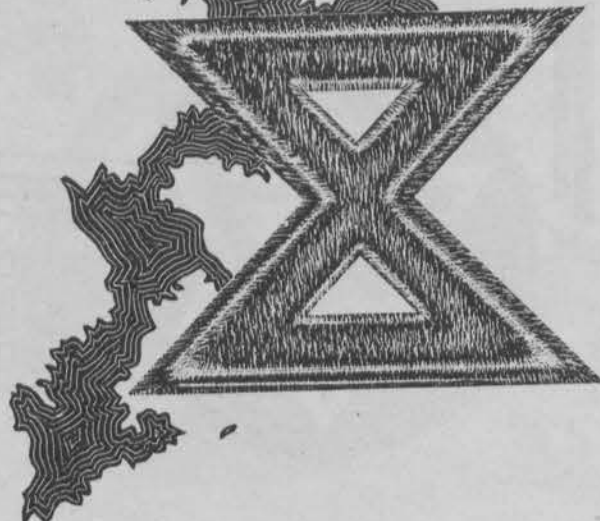
- 3 Marinduque Island landing by elements 21st Inf (24th Inf Div)
- 3-9 3rd Fleet struck on Nansei Shoto, Formosa, and Luzon
- 9 Sixth Army invaded Luzon. I Corps (43rd and 6th Inf Divs) and XIV Corps (37th and 40th Inf Divs) landed Lingayen Gulf
- 12-22 3rd Fleet struck Indo-China and China coasts, Formosa, and Nansei Shoto
- 15-31 Camotes Islands cleared by elements 7th Inf Div
- 21 Tarlac captured by 40th Inf Div
- 29 Landing in San Narcisco area of Zambales Province by XI Corps (38th Inf Div and 34th RCT of 24th Inf Div)
- 31 Nasugbu, Batangas Province, landing by 11th A/B Div (-511th Prcht Inf)
- 31 Mindoro operation terminated

## FEB.

- 3 511th Prcht Inf (11th A/B Div) seized Tagaytay Ridge, Batangas by parachute drop
- 3 1st Cav Div entered Grace Park, Manila



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## FEB.

- 15      Landing at Mariveles, Bataan by 151st RCT (38th Inf Div)
  
- 16      In airborne operation 503rd Prcht Inf Regt landed Topside, Corregidor, while elements of 34th RCT (24th Inf Div) made amphibious assault
  
- 16-17    5th Fleet struck Tokyo and Nagoya-Kobe areas
  
- 19      Iwo Jima landing (4th and 5th Mar Divs with 3rd Mar Div in reserve)
  
- 19-20    Landings on Northwest tip of Samar, Capul and Biri Islands in San Bernardino Strait by elements Americal Div and 1st Philippine Inf Regt
  
- 28      Palawan landing, in vicinity of Puerto Princesa, by 186th RCT (41st Inf Div)

## MAR.

- 3      Last organized enemy resistance in Manila overcome. 37th Inf Div, 1st Cav Div, 11th A/B Div participated in battle for Manila
  
- 10      41st Inf Div (-186th RCT) landed near Zamboanga, Mindanao
  
- 15      Basilan Island (Sulu Archipelago) landing by elements 41st Inf Div

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- 18 Panay landing, 13 miles West of Iloilo, by 40th Inf Div (-108th RCT)
- 26 Cebu landing, 5 miles West of Cebu City, by Americal Div (-164th RCT)
- 26 77th Inf Div landed Kerama Retto
- 29 Negros landing (West coast near Palu Pandan) by 40th Inf Div (-108 RCT)

## APRIL

- 1 158th RCT landed at Legaspi, Southeast Luzon
- 1 Tenth Army landed on Okinawa. 3rd Mar Phib Corps (1st and 6th Mar Divs) XXIV Corps (7th and 96th Inf Divs)
- 2 Elements 41st Inf Div landed Sanga Sanga Island, Tawi Tawi Group
- 3 Joint Chiefs of Staff appointed General MacArthur Commander of all US Army forces and Admiral Nimitz Commander of all US Naval forces in the Pacific
- 5 Soviet Government abrogated Russo-Japanese neutrality agreement
- 5 Koiso cabinet resigned, succeeded by cabinet of Adm Suzuki
- 6 Establishment of United States Army Forces Pacific (AFPAC)



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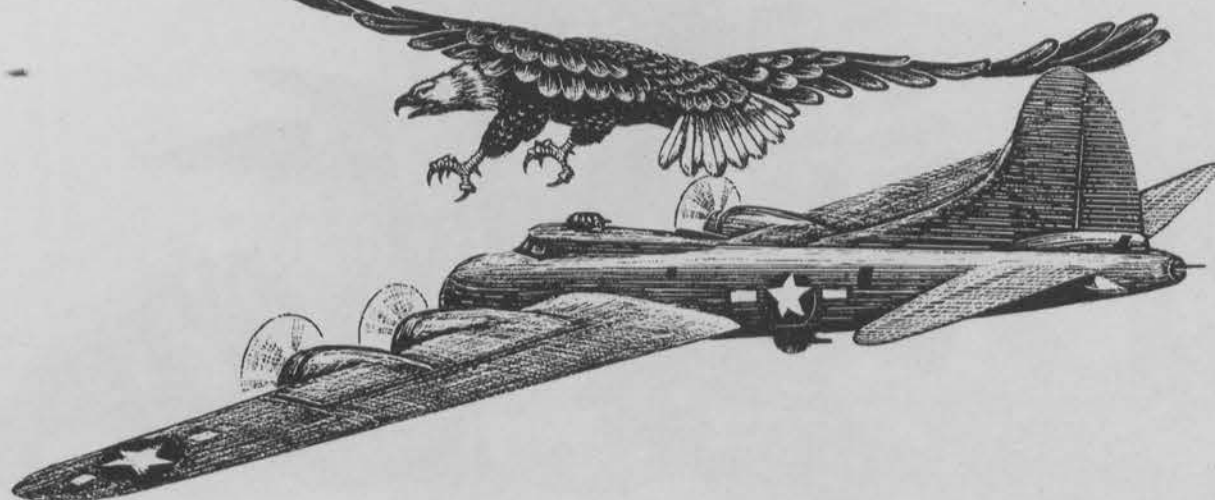
## APRIL

- 9 Elements 41st Inf Div landed Jolo Island, Sulu Archipelago
- 11 Elements Americal Div landed on Bohol (Visayas)
- 16 77th Inf Div landed on Ie Shima
- 17 X Corps landed Malabang-Cotabato area Mindanao. 24th Inf Div made initial landing, followed 22 April by 31st Inf Div
- 26 Baguio captured by 129th Inf (37th Inf Div)

## MAY

- 1 26th Austn Bde (9th Div) landed Tarakan Island, Borneo
- 2-4 Davao captured by 24th Inf Div
- 8 Victory in Europe announced
- 10 Macajalar Bay (North Mindanao) landing by 108th RCT (40th Inf Div)
- 11 Wewak captured by 6th Austn Div
- 13 Balete Pass secured by 25th Inf Div
- 17 Ipo Dam captured by 43rd Inf Div
- 19 Foochow freed on the China coast
- 23 Elements 155th Inf (31st Inf Div) and 108th Inf (40th Inf Div) established contact in the Impalutao area, Mindanao, clearing Sayre Highway

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29 Warwa Dam captured by 38th Inf Div

## JUNE

10 Brunei Bay, Borneo landings by 9th Austn Div  
(-26th Bde)

10 AFPAC and USAFFE consolidated } *ux*

19 Formation of United States Army Forces Western  
Pacific (AFWESPAC) to take the place of USASOS } *ux*

20 Wenchow seized on the China coast

21 Admiral Nimitz announced that all organized re-  
sistance on Okinawa had ended at 1037, 21 June,  
the struggle lasting 82 days

21 Aparri captured (Aparri was the first place the  
Japanese invaded on Luzon on 10 Dec. 1941)

22 All organized resistance on Tarakan Island ceased

26 Landing on Kume, 50 miles West of Okinawa

## JULY

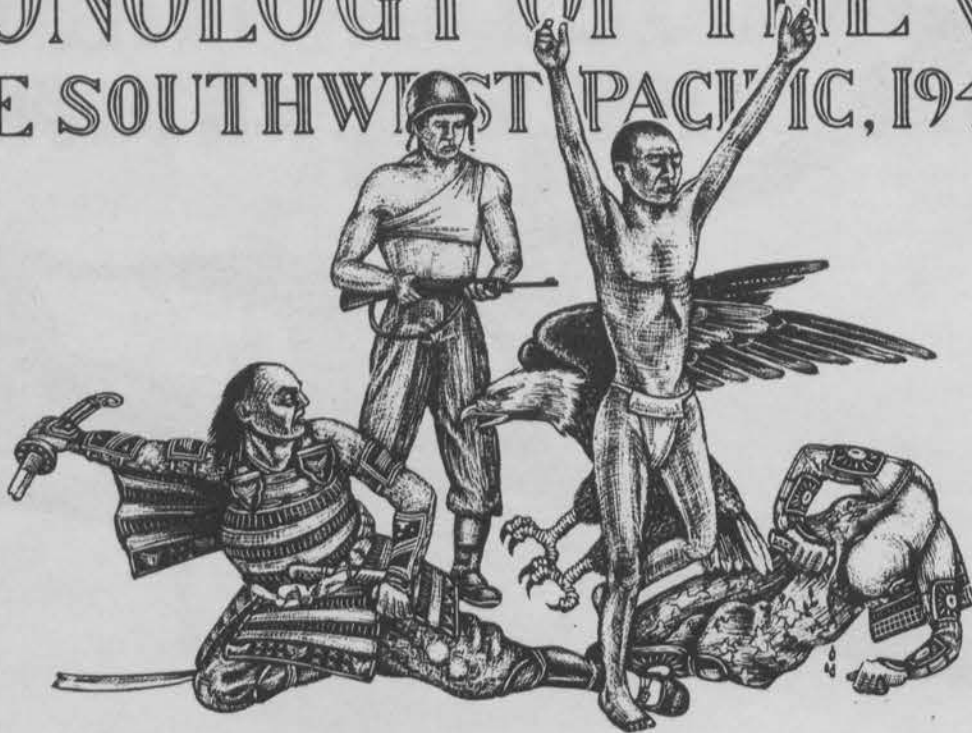
1 Southern Philippines Campaign officially closed

1 7th Austn Div landed at Balikpapan, Borneo

4 Luzon Campaign officially closed



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## JULY

- 14-17      Admiral Halsey's 3rd Fleet joined by the British in operations against the Japanese homeland from North Hokkaido to Tokyo
- 27          Potsdam Ultimatum issued to the Japanese government
- 31          10th Army and all other forces in Ryukus (except Strategic AF) under command of General MacArthur } *✓*

## AUG.

- 6            First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima
- 9            Russia declared war on Japan
- 10          World received news of Japan's acceptance of the Potsdam Ultimatum in late evening } *✓*
- 11          Morning of 11 Aug. General MacArthur acknowledged the news of Japan's acceptance with an impromptu speech from the balcony of the City Hall Manila
- 15          Official notification General MacArthur to be the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers } *✓*
- 15          GHQ issued its final communique

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- 15 General MacArthur's first message to the Japanese Government
- 16 Japan's first official reply to General MacArthur
- 19 C-54 plane carrying Japanese delegation arrived in Manila at 5:45 P.M. and conference began that evening
- 20 The Japanese delegation left Manila for Tokyo to carry out orders for signing of the final peace terms

## SEPT.

- 2 Territory of SWPA South of the Philippines turned over to control of the British Empire } *uk*
- 2 ALF, ANF and AAF abolished. Land, sea, and air forces of Australia, NEI, and New Zealand pass to control of British Empire } *uk*
- 2 V-J Day (formal signing of surrender terms) *uk*



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